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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.) PFOR, TH, MILI

SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER'S PRESS STATEMENT

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1. IN COMPLIANCE WITH REFTTEL, I SAW THE PRIME MINISTER
ALONE AT 1400, 2 JUNE. I SAID I WAS SPEAKING UNDER
INSTRUCTIONS AND MADE EVERY POINT AS DIRECTED BY YOU.

2. THE PRIME MINISTER WAS PROFUSE IN HIS APOLOGIES.
HE SAID HE WAS ABJECT AND THAT HE WISHED TO CONVEY
HIS REGRET OVER THIS EPISODE AND HIS MOST SINCERE
APOLOGIES. HE SAID HE COULD ONLY PLEAD THAT HE HAD
BLURTED OUT HIS COMMENTS WHILE BEING HARASSED BY THAI
JOURNALISTS WHO HAVE A GREAT CAPACITY FOR BEING
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IRRITATING. HE WAS TERRIBLY SORRY AND HOPED WE WOULD

UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT HIS REGRETS AND PROFOUND
APOLOGY. I SAID THAT I APPRECIATED HIS STATEMENT AND
WOULD TRANSMIT IT TO MY GOVERNMENT.

3. THE PRIME MINISTER WENT ON TO SAY THAT WE WERE
LIVING IN CHANGING TIMES AND THAT QTE ADJUSTMENTS
UNQTE WERE DESIRABLE IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE
UNITED STATES AND THAILAND. THESE ADJUSTMENTS SHOULD
NOT BE TAKEN AS INDICATING ANY DESIRE TO DIMINISH
THE LONG-LASTING FRIENDSHIP WHICH EXISTED BETWEEN
OUR COUNTRIES. THAILAND WAS MOST GRATEFUL FOR THE
ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE IT HAD RECEIVED IN
THE PAST AND HE WAS MINDFUL OF THE MANY CLOSE LINKS
BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES. HE SAID HE WAS SURE THAT THIS
CLOSE FRIENDSHIP WOULD CONTINUE IN THE FUTURE AND
THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS DEDICATED TO THAT OBJECTIVE.
I SAID THAT I APPRECIATED THIS REASSURANCE.
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